Amendments

Claims

- 1. (Amended) A <u>plunger with a flushable</u> plunger cover <u>for a plunger</u> comprising: <u>A rubber plunger with plastic or wooden handle and a flushable cover with the cover comprising a layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a film soluble in water; the layer of film and the layer of paper material being shaped to substantially enclosed a plunger and to maintain integrity during use of the plunger and to breakdown in water so that it is flushable after use.</u>
- 2. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the layer of the paper material and the layer of film are joined together by one or more of heat, pressure, or adhesive.
- 3. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a single layer of paper material joined to a single layer of film.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover consists of comprises a single layer of the flushable paper material joined to a single layer of the sandwiched between two layers of film soluble in water.
- 5. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is a polyvinyl alcohol.
- 6. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the dissolution rate in water of the film is less than 2 minutes.
- 7. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is transparent.
- 8. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is coated with an ink
- 9. (Original) The cover of claim 8 wherein the ink is a non-aqueous ink
- 10. Cancelled
- 11. (Amended) The cover of claim1 wherein the cover has a concave bottom that substantially conforms to a the concave plunger cup in claim 1.
- 12. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover is tubular with an open top end for receiving the plunger.
- 13. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has an open top end and a resealable seam along an axis substantially perpendicular to the open top end.
- 14. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has a grip area comprising at least one layer of a film soluble in water.

- 15. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has an open top end and a tab extending above the open end.
- 16. (Original) The cover of claim 15 wherein the tab comprises at least one layer of a film soluble in cold water.
- 17. (Original) The cover of claim 15 where in the tab is in the shape of one of a semi-circle, square, triangle and rectangle.
- 18. Cancelled.
- 19. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover is infused with at least one of a cleaner, disinfectant, or fragrance.
- 19. (Original) A non toxic, flushable shield for the plunger to keep the plunger dry and clean during use comprising:

a layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a film soluble in cold water to form a cover;

the cover being shaped to receive the plunger;

wherein the cover provides a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, slides off after use and breaks down in water.

20. (Original) A non-toxic, flushable cover for the plunger comprising;

A layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a transparent polyvinyl alcohol film to form a tubular cover with an open top end and a concave bottom;

The flushable paper material and the film being chosen to provide a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, to slide off after use, and to break down in water after a preselected time.

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Film to form a tubular cover with an open top end and a concave bottom;

The flushable paper material and the film being chosen to provide a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, to slide off after use, and to break down in water after a preselected time.